

Whispering Pines School Advisory Forum

12/3/25-Whispering Pines SAF Meeting Minutes

Attendance- Erica Alexander, Jonathan Cooper, Karina Hoogesteyn, Gail Hoffman, Erin Walsh, Kevin Campbell, Melissa Bennett, Johnathan Ammann, Jan Chinnners

A meeting of the Whispering Pines School Advisory Forum was held in the Media Center on December 2, 2025, called to order at 10:41 am by Jan Chinnners.

Old Business

The board reviewed the minutes from November 5, 2025. Erin Walsh made a motion to approve. Mitchell Screen second motion. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

1. Introductions
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Open Agenda

1. Academics Presentation: Presenters Melissa Holtz, Guy Barmoha, Richard Baum
 - For the second year in a row the county received an overall A rating.
 - 96% of the schools maintained or increased their school grade.
 - BCPS had no D or F rated schools. Out of the 5 largest school districts in Florida Broward was 1 of 2 with no D or F rated schools.
 - More than ½ of BCPS schools are rated as A.
 - 84% of the schools were rated as A or B.
 - The number of C rated schools decreased by over ½- from 70 to 34.
 - 8 schools increased their rating from C to A.
 - 45 schools have maintained A rating for 5 years or more.
 - 3 non-traditional schools earned commendations. Students with Disabilities scores' are on the rise from previous years. The South Regional schools test scores are the highest in the county.
 - Currently, PM 1, 2, and 3 are on the rise from 23-24 school year in both ELA and Math. This year's PM 1 in both subjects was higher than previous years.
 - Various progress interventions and tier levels were discussed based on individual testing scores. Parent involvement and updates to be provided through Focus.
 - In addition to rising PM scores, AP, AICE, and IB passing rates are increasing throughout the county. Many high schools offer various classes for students wanting advanced high school diplomas and/or college credits.
2. Updates on Redefining Schools Phase 2: Final town hall meeting was scheduled for November 13, 2025 at Miramar High School to discuss the South Regional Schools and their various transitions- ranging from boundary changes, grade levels offered, merging and closing of schools

and the impact on the community. Final schoolboard meeting to finalize decisions to be held January 13, 2026 and notifications beginning January 14, 2026.

3. School Choice: School choice opened November 13, 2025 and will close December 19, 2025. It will reopen in January 2026 after school board meeting to allow for redistricting of current schools and parents wanting to make decisions based on the new redefining. All applications must be submitted via Focus. Currently, there is a link on the student's portal home page.
4. BCPS Showcase: Showcase where all schools will be represented is being held December 9, 2025 at the Amerant Bank Arena
5. Open Discussion: Scheduling changes for middle and high school to be converted back to 7 periods per day vs the A/B block schedule currently in place in the fall of '26-'27. Study hall will no longer be a part of the individual schedule. Teachers, school staff, and parents are opposed to this change as students will lose extra individualized instruction, students will lose their additional homework/make-up work time, and teachers will lose value planning/grading/individualized student instruction time. Variations of the 7 period day can be voted on by school principal and staff but decisions must be finalized by December 13, 2025, or the school will revert by default to the original 7 various classes per day.

Meeting Adjournment:

Jonathan Ammann motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 am. Seconded by Karina Hoogesteyn. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by,

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Approval Date: _____